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1. PER REFTTEL, CALLED ON ADANA GOVERNOR TAHIR GENÇAGE  
MAY 31 TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY SITUATION. FOUND HIM  
DISAPPOINTINGLY ILL AND MIS-IFORMED; HE HAD HEARD  
ONLY AND INACCURATELY (SEE REFTTEL) THAT "SHOTS HAD  
BEEN FIRED IN THE AIR IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE."  
2. IN GENERAL, THE GOVERNOR TOOK A VERY RELAXED  
ATTITUDE--CHARACTERIZING THE VIOLENCE PROBLEM AS  
"STUDENTS AGAINST STUDENTS IN THE CITIES." IN THIS

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CONNECTION, HE ASSERTED THAT THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE  
EASTERN PROVINCES WERE ABSOLUTELY SECURE; TOURISTS  
COULD TRAVEL THERE FREELY WITHOUT SPECIAL CONCERN. HE  
DISMISSED RECENT JUSTICE PARTY CRITICISM OF THE  
SECURITY SITUATION AS POLITICIANS' TALK. WE SHOULD  
DEPEND ON THE ADMINISTRATORS FOR GUIDANCE. WHILE  
PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE GOVERNOR'S ASSURANCES, I  
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CITED SEVERAL INCIDENTS THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO  
INDUCE ME TO ADVISE TOURISTS INFORMALLY NOT TO  
TRAVEL IN THE EASTERN COUNTRYSIDE AT NIGHT NOR TO  
CAMP AT REMOTE LOCATIONS.  
3. I ALSO DESCRIBED BRIEFLY TO THE GOVERNOR  
ASPECTS OF THE POLICE INVESTIGATION WHICH SUGGESTED  
THAT THE PERPETRATOR(S) OF OUR SHOOTING WERE QUITE

PROFESSIONAL (SEE PARA 5 BELOW). HE ALSO PLAYED THIS DOWN, COMMENTING THAT ANY FIVE PEOPLE COULD MAKE A CONSPIRACY, BUT IF THEY HAD A SIXTH, THEIR PLANS WOULD PROBABLY LEAK.

4. COMMENT: GOVERNOR GENCAGA WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL; HOWEVER, AS INDICATED, HE DID NOT SEEM TO TAKE

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MATTERS AS SERIOUSLY AS HIS PREDECESSOR. IN GENERAL, THE RESPONSIVENESS OF AUTHORITIES HERE MAY BE WILTING A BIT UNDER THE DAILY PRESSURE OF STUDENT VIOLENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, SECURITY DIRECTOR CAPIN TOLD US THAT THE RIOT POLICE RESOURCES IN ADANA WERE TOTALLY INADEQUATE. HE HAD 280 MEN IN THIS DIVISION TO CONTROL A STUDENT POPULATION OF THIRTY THOUSAND. HE HIMSELF HAD GOTTEN ONLY TWO HOURS SLEEP THE NIGHT OF MAY 28. CAPIN SAID THAT IF HE HAD KNOWN WHAT THE WORK LOAD WAS GOING TO BE LIKE HE WOULD NEVER HAVE COME TO ADANA.

5. INTERESTINGLY, AFOSI, WHICH HAS PROVIDED INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS AT THE WORKING LEVEL, LEARNED THAT OUR SHOOTING HAD NOT EVEN BEEN REPORTED TO CENTRAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 29---IN OTHER WORDS THE CONFIDENTIAL

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HEQDQUARTERS FIRST LEARNED OF THE INCIDENT FROM OSI. (QUITE PROBABLY MAJOR STUDENT RIOTING WHICH STRAINED POLICE RESOURCES MAY 28-29 CAUSED THIS SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS.) HOWEVER, INVESTIGATIVE WORK NOW HAS

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PROCEEDED, AND MAY 29, THE POLICE FOUND THE CAR INVOLVED IN THE ESCAPE ABANDONED AND CONTAINING TWO EMPTY 9MM SHELL CASES. SIX SHELL CASES HAD ALSO BEEN FOUND NEAR THE CURB FRONTING THE CONSULATE. THE CAR HAD BEEN STOLEN, AND BORE COUNTERFEIT LICENSE PLATES WHICH COINCIDENTALLY (PERHAPS) HAD THE SAME NUMBERS AS A POV OWNED BY AN AMERICAN AT INCIRLIK. (NOTE: THIS POV HAD BEEN IN A DOWNTOWN REPAIR SHOP AND IT WAS INITIALLY PRESUMED THAT THE PLATES HAD BEEN STOLEN; HOWEVER, THE AMERIC'S CAR, WHEN CHECKED STILL HAD ITS PLATES.)

6. POST WILL FOLLOW-UP ON INVESTIGATION AND ADVISE SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION WHEN AND IF IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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